# Advance Voting and Saturday Voting

- \*Advanced Voting will be held for three full weeks beginning the 4th Monday prior to Election Day through the Friday immediately preceding the date of the election in the Board of Elections Main Office located at 530 Greene Street, during regular office hours for every election.
- Saturday voting will be available on the 2nd Saturday prior to each Election from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, for most elections.
- \*During the week immediately preceding the date of the election, voting hours will be extended daily until 6:00 PM . For many elections, additional voting sites are also available during the week immediately preceding the date of the election and also for Saturday Voting.
- \*Please check our web site at www.augustaga.gov for more information regarding the opening of any additional sites.



#### **2014 Election Dates**

May 20, 2014 General Primary (Federal) July 22, 2014 General Primary Runoff (Federal) November 4, 2014 General Election January 6, 2015 General Election Runoff (State General Primary and NonPartisan Election may change to correspond with Federal)

## **Voter Reg. Deadlines**

For the May 20, 2013—April 21, 2014

Get Ready, Get Set, and then VOTE!

Visit our Web Site at www.augustaga.gov

## **Contact Information**

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From 8:30 AM until 5:00 PM

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# RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS Voting Options

Election Day Voting, Advance Voting, and Voting By Mail



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# **Voting Options**

#### What are the rules?

#### **Election Day Voting**

- The polls are open on Election Day from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM. Any eligible voter in line at 7:00 PM will be allowed to cast a ballot at the polls.
- For information on the location of your polling place, please access our Web Site at www.augustaga.gov
- All voters casting a ballot at their polling place are required to produce one of the six acceptable forms of identification prior to casting a ballot.

#### **Advance Voting In Person**

- No reason is required.
- All voters are required to produce one of the six acceptable forms of identification prior to casting a ballot.
- No ballots are issued the Monday before an election.

#### **Absentee Voting By Mail**

- A written request is required and may be submitted up to 180 days prior to the election.
- No reason is required.
- Generally, no identification is required.
- To be counted, voted ballots must be returned to the Board of Elections by 7:00 PM on Election Day .
- The last day to apply for an absentee ballot by mail is the Friday before the Election.



# Getting an Absentee Ballot By Mail

#### How do I get a mail-in absentee ballot?

- You may download an application for an absentee ballot by going to the Board of Elections website located at <a href="www.augustaga.gov">www.augustaga.gov</a>. Once completed, you may email, mail or fax it to the Board of Elections Office.
- The application <u>must</u> be in writing and <u>must</u> contain a Party preference (if a Primary). It must also contain the address to which the ballot is to be mailed, the election in which you wish to vote, and the voter's name, address, date of birth, and signature.
- If you are physically disabled or living temporarily outside your county of residence, a close relative may apply for an absentee ballot for you. A close relative is defined as the voter's, mother, father, grandparent, aunt, uncle, sister, brother, spouse, son, daughter, niece, nephew, grandchild, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law or sister-in-law who is at least 18 years old or older.

# May I Receive Assistance Voting My Absentee Ballot?

- A physically disabled or illiterate voter may receive assistance from another voter in the same county or municipality; an attendant care provider; or from the same category of relatives who can make an application for or deliver an absentee ballot for the disabled voter—see the bullet in the above section for the list of relatives.
- Any person who assists another person with voting an absentee ballot must complete the oath prescribed by law.
- Other than when a federal candidate is on the ballot, no person may assist more than ten voters in a primary, election, or runoff.
- A candidate on the ballot, or a relative of a candidate on the ballot, may not offer assistance during the election to any voter who is not related to the candidate.

# Absentee Voting for Active Duty Military, Their Dependents, and US Citizens Residing Overseas

#### **How Does It Work?**

Military and overseas citizen voters are welcome to use the standard voter registration and absentee voting by mail process available to all voters who are away from their home county on Election Day.

However, there are also special provisions during Federal Elections for those who are members of the U.S. Armed Forces (Navy, Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard), merchant marine, commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, family members of all the above, and those citizens who reside outside of the United States.

The special provisions include:

- Applications for absentee ballots by uniformed or overseas voters (pursuant to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act) can be accepted more than 180 days prior to a primary or election in which a federal candidate appears on the ballot as well as for any runoffs resulting there from, including Presidential Preference Primaries,
- One properly submitted application will for serve as an application for an absentee ballot for all elections for federal office for the entire election cycle.
- Ballots may be electronically transmitted upon request.

Applications for absentee ballots may be received via email, mail or fax. More information can be found at the Web Sites below or by calling 1-800-438-VOTE (8683).

Board of Elections—<u>www.augustaga.gov</u> Secretary of State—<u>www.sos.state.ga.us/elections</u> Federal Voting Assistance Program—www.fvap.gov

